

Traffic Commission Meeting
November 17, 2011

Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street 2nd floor

Meeting called to order @6:00pm by Stanley Koty

Attendance:

Members: Stanley Koty, George Manzelli, Lt. James Polito

Staff: Donna Amenta, Terence Smith, Matthew Dias

Public: Jae Lee

Item # 1- Approve Minutes from October 20, 2011, Traffic Commission

- Koty stated Traffic Commission Secretary received request to amend Oct. Minutes to include David O'Brien in the attendance list.

Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes as Amended: Koty, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous.

Item # 2- Request for Handicapped Parking:

11 Partridge Avenue

69 Elmwood Street

97-99 Puritan Road

12 Putnam Street (90 day trail period)

- Smith stated Putnam Street applicant was previously denied because property is owner occupied with driveway. However, Traffic Commission has approved similar applications in the past for a trail period.

Motion to approve: Manzelli, 2nd Polito, unanimous.

Item # 3- Request to install Fire Lanes:

Berkeley St at intersection of Hersey Street; north side of Berkeley Street a distance of twenty feet (20') westerly direction from Hersey Street

Berkeley Street north side for distance of twenty (20'), easterly direction from Hersey Street

- Smith stated the item was received via Fire Department due to Hersey Street resident complaints of public safety concerns.
- Lt. Polito stated SPD was unaware of complaints or public safety issues. Further, stated that SPD will review the location for possible enforcement action.
- Smith stated Traffic & Parking will also monitor location in addition to contacting Fire Dept.

Motion to Table: Polito, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous.

Item # 4- Request for Loading Zone:

577 Somerville Avenue:

- Smith stated Traffic and Parking is conducting site review and survey in order to provide a recommendation to the Committee.

Motion to Table: Polito, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous.

1141 Broadway:

- Koty read letter from Teele Square business owner into record noting concerns with the current number of loading zones already in the square and the loss of available parking spaces.
- Smith stated Traffic and Parking received one complaint thus far since installing LZ.
- Jae Lee, applicant, stated LZ helped to assist customers with pickup/drop-off aspect of business and wished to extend trial for further consideration.

Motion to Extend Trial period 90 Days: Koty, 2nd Polito, unanimous.

Item # 5- Request for Two Hour Parking Except by Permit from 8:00am to 2:30am

Hall Avenue; Permit Parking only from 2:30am to 8:00am.

Intersection of College Avenue, both sides of Hall Avenue, approximately eighty to one hundred (80-11') feet

Motion to approve: Manzelli, 2nd Polito, unanimous.

Item #6- Request to eliminate two parking spaces 225 and 227 Morrison Avenue

Motion to approve: Manzelli, 2nd Polito, unanimous.

Item #7- Request to extend Visitor Parking from 48hrs to 72hrs.

- Manzelli questioned impact on residents
- Dias stated change would impact many residents negatively on streets most densely populated, particularly outside city business squares and other heavily congested areas. Requested more time to fully consider and vet implications with those residents and others most affected by policy change.

Motion to Table: Polito, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous.

Item # 8- Request to extend school bus pickup/drop off zone on Sycamore Street (east side at Winter Hill School) fifty (50') feet.

- Smith stated Winter Hill School administration requested additional bus drop-off/pick-up access

- Koty expressed concerns for loss already limited amount of resident/student pick-up/drop-off as a result.

Motion to Table: Koty, 2nd Polito, unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:25pm: Koty, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26pm.